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In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/927,597

Filed: August 10, 2001

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MYOSIN HEAVY CHAIN

Customer No.: 20350

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed March 19, 2004,
which set June 19, 2004 as the initial deadline for submitting a response. A two month petition
for an extension of time is enclosed, thus extending the deadline until August 19, 2004.

Accordingly this response is timely filed.

The amendments and remarks presented above place the application in better
condition for allowance or appeal. Accordingly Applicants request entry of this paper into the
application, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.116(b).

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Amdt. dated August 18, 2004

Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 Expedited Procedure Examining Group

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.